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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL SUMMARY AS OF 12:00 EDT, AUGUST 25

COSTA GOMES

LESS THAN A DAY AFTER THEIR ISSUANCE IN HIS NAME, PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES RECALLED ONE COMMUNIQUE AND DISAVOWED ANOTHER WHICH HAD BEEN INTERPRETED AS A VICTORY FOR PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES. COSTA GOMES DID NOT DENY AUTHORSHIP OF THE FIRST AMBIGUOUS COMMUNIQUE (COVERED IN SUMMARY OF A'G 24, 130 HOURS EDT), WHICH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, PRESS AND UNION ORGANIZATIONS QUICKLY INTERPRETED AS FAVORABLE TO THEIR VIEWS. THE SECOND COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN COSTA GOMES' NAME AUGUST 24 AT 10:00 PM LISBON TIME BY THE PRO-COMMUNIST FIFTH DIVISION OF THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, WAS A FAR LESS AMBIGUOUS CALL FOR:

-- RESPECT FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT;

-- AFM UNITY AROUND THE COPCON POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAM AND  
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THE GONCALVES GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION, AND REJECTION OF THE ANTUNES DOCUMENT;

-- REALIZATION OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR A DIRECT AFM ALLIANCE  
WITH THE PEOPLE; AND

-- DECISION ON THE FATE OF THE SUSPENDED REVOLUTIONARY  
COUNCIL MEMBERS (ANTUNES AND COMPANY) BY THE RADICAL AFM  
ASSEMBLY.

COSTA GOMES DECLARED THE SECOND COMMUNIQUE NULL AND VOID  
BECAUSE IT WAS DRAWN UP AND PUBLISHED WITHOUT THE  
PRESIDENT'S KNOWLEDGE." THE FIFTH DIVISION HAS IN PRACTICE  
RUN ITS OWN AFFAIRS LARGELY INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE REST OF  
THE ARMED FORCES. IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY, HOWEVER, WHE-  
THER THE SECOND COMMUNIQUE WAS INVENTED BY THE FIFTH  
DIVISION, OR WHETHER COSTA GOMES WAS FORCED TO BACK OFF  
FROM STATEMENTS WHICH HE HAD AUTHORIZED. THE WHOLE EXER-  
CISE POINTS UP THE DIFFICULTY IN RELYING UPON COSTA GOMES  
TO FORCE GONCALVES OUT.

IN ANY CASE, THE "MODERATES" ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO MOVE  
QUICKLY AND OF THE DANGERS IN RELYING TOO HEAVILY UPON  
COSTA GOMES. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AIR FORCE COLONEL  
PAULINO CORREIA (TOSEC 100121), THE REMOVAL OF COSTA GOMES  
CANNOT BE EFFECTED BECAUSE IT IS NOT UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED  
BY THE MODERATE LEADERSHIP.

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AP REPORTS THAT AN ARMY UNIT LOYAL TO GONCALVES IS "PREPA-  
RING FOR A FIGHT" AND OPPOSITION ARMY UNITS ARE ON  
MANEUVERS. ANTI-GONCALVES UNITS HAD ACCESS TO MOST OF THE  
CITY'S APPROACHES ON AUG 24, EVEN THOUGH A REGIMENT BACK-  
ING THE PRIME MINISTER WAS POSITIONED ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY  
NORTH OF LISBON. HOWEVER, EMBASSY LISBON STRESSED THAT  
MONDAY'S GENERAL ATMOSPHERE REMAINS THE SAME -- TENSE BUT  
CALM. THE EMPHASIS CONTINUES TO BE ON TALKING WITH MAJOR  
ISS;ES STILL NOT RESOLVED.

#### NEW GOVERNMENT

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PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT ADMIRAL VITOR CRESPO WOULD  
BECOME VICE PRIME MINISTER, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ECONOMY  
UNDER A NEW MORE MODERATE GOVERNMENT. THE PRESS IS ALSO  
REPORTING THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD REFUSE ANY MINOR  
CABINET POSTS OFFERED. INGERSOLL

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